

REMARKS

Claims 1-76 are pending and have been examined in the present application.

The Office Action contends that the claims fail to conform to current US practice. Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that the claims are capable of being readily understood by one of skill in the art. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicant respectfully requests that specific objections/rejections be made of record so that Applicant can have the opportunity to respond accordingly.

Claims 1-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fuoss et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,970,696) or Wojaczynski et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0203752). No amendments have been made, nor has any new matter been introduced. The listing of claims is solely for the convenience of the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in light of the below remarks is respectfully requested.

Among the limitations of independent claims 1, 26, 34 and 41 that are not taught or suggested in Fuoss or Wojaczynski is “a call connection controller which connects with the information processor” [either “over an Internet line” (claim 1) or “having an Internet telephone function” (claims 26, 34 and 41)] and “accommodates a telephone terminal.”

Among the limitations of independent claims 50, 58, 65, 74, 75 and 76 that are not taught or suggested in Fuoss or Wojaczynski is method that includes “accessing from an information processor having an Internet telephone function to a call connection controller so as to define a call path using an Internet line” and a “telephone terminal accommodated in the call connection controller.”

Unlike the cited prior art references, the Internet telephone system of the present invention uses a terminal accommodated in a PBX (for example, a radio mobile terminal such as a local PHS (personal handy-phone system) or a fixed line terminal) as a handset for the Internet telephone so as to utilize existing telephone equipment, succeed conventional call operation, and transmit/receive voice data using a line of the existing PBX. This has the distinct advantage of making it possible to construct an Internet telephone system that is not required to secure a band for voice in the Internet line.

Another advantage of the use of an Internet telephone with a personal computer (PC) is that the Internet telephone can be easily set up by adding control software for controlling communications to the PC. By adding applications to the PC, it is possible to provide functions which are not provided for in conventional extension terminals; for example, specifying an originating user based on number information, sharing a file in the PC, and many others.

The Internet telephone system of the present invention uses a radio mobile terminal or a fixed-line terminal accommodated in the convention PBX, and informs the PC of call control information at the time of origination or reception. Thereby, applications of the Internet telephone available on the PC may be used while keeping compatibility of the conventional call operation.

Additionally, in the Internet telephone system of the present invention, voice information is transmitted and received using line equipment for the PBX which has already been constructed by the user. Therefore, there is no need to secure a band for transmitting and receiving voice information to an Internet line such as a LAN.

The docking station of Fuoss acts as a call forwarding device and monitors whether or not a terminal is connected. If a terminal is not connected, the docking station forwards a call in accordance with the data (Fig. 2) that is registered in advance. Fuoss discloses that "Memory 143 also stores predetermined command data associated with personal communications device 110." Fuoss, col. 3, line 67 – col. 4, line 2. The personal communications device of Fuoss would not receive any call without the presence of the docking station. Thus, Fuoss does not intend to use a PBX in addition to the docking station 140.

Accordingly, in Fuoss, a call reception request which arises at the time of arriving at the counterpart terminal cannot be transferred to a PC, to a radio mobile terminal, or to a fixed-line terminal; a call reception request which arises at the time of making a call to the counterpart terminal cannot be transferred to a PC, to a radio mobile terminal, or to a fixed-line terminal; and call control information which arises at the time of making a call from a radio mobile terminal or a fixed-line terminal to the counterpart terminal cannot be communicated to the PC. As such, applications of the Internet telephone constructed with a PC cannot be used, nor can compatibility of the conventional call operation be maintained in the system of Fuoss.

Wojacznski is directed to a system that supports secured seamless roaming of a real-time voice and data communications using portable wireless electronic devices. Wojacznski does not teach or suggest the call connection controller of the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 26, 34, 41, 50, 58, 65, 74-76, as well as their corresponding dependent claims, patentably distinguish over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of the present application with claims 1-76 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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